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1. SUMMARY: ON APRIL 28, WORKING PARTY III/2 (PUBLIC DATA) COMPLETED ITS REVIEW OF MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED DURING THIS STUDY SESSION, FOCUSING CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION ON HIGHLY TECHNICAL DISCUSSION OF TWO AREAS: (A) INTERWORKING OF PUBLIC DATA NETWORKS WITH TELEPHONE AND TELEX NETWORKS, AND (B) TARIFF PRINCIPLES FOR DATA NETWORKS. ON APRIL 29, KOJEMA RECONVENED STUDY GROUP III TO EXAMINE CONTRIBUTIONS AND QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED THIS SESSION. ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION NUMBER SIX CALLING FOR A STUDY OF VOLUME PRICING AND LEASED CHANNEL SERVICES SPARKED LIVELY DEBATE WITH MAJORITY OF COUNTRIES INTERVENING IN SUPPORT OF ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION. ISSUE WILL BE DISCUSSED IN SUBSTANCE MAY 2. END SUMMARY.

2. SCHWAMBURGER CONVENED APRIL 28 MORNING SESSION OF WORKING PARTY III/2 (PUBLIC DATA) WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SG VII PARTICIPATING. (THIS SESSION IS ATTRACTING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREAT INTEREST WITH OVER 130 REPRESENTATIVES FROM 34 COUNTRIES AND 7 SIOS.) SCHWAMBURGER CONTINUED THE REVIEW OF THE MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE WP DURING THIS STUDY SESSION. TWO MAJOR ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION FOR MORNING AND AFTERNOON SESSIONS WERE (A) INTERWORKING OF PUBLIC DATA NETWORKS SUCH AS PACKET SWITCHING WITH TELEPHONE AND TELEX NETWORKS AND RELATED CHARGING

PRINCIPLES, AND (B) THE NNT NOU ON
TARIFF PRINCIPLES FOR DATA NETWORKS. DISCUSSION OF THESE
ISSUES WAS ORIENTED PRIMARILY TO EXPLANATION OF COMPLEX
TECHNICAL POINTS. NO DECISIONS WERE REACHED OTHER THAN
TO STUDY THE ISSUES FURTHER. SCHWAMBURGER STRESSED NEED
FOR CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL
EXPERTS. ALTHOUGH TIME DID NOT PERMIT DEFINITIVE NAMING
OF INDIVIDUALS, IT APPEARS NOW THAT LEADING COUNTRIES
IN SG III EXAMINATION OF PUBLIC DATA NETWORKS WILL BE
CANADA, UK, FRG, FRANCE, AUSTRALIA AND U.S. AS RESULT,
U.S. NATIONAL CCITT STUDY GROUPS I AND V (BARBELY AND
DE HAASE) WILL REQUIRE CLOSE LIAISON DURING THIS STUDY
PERIOD. SCHWAMBURGER CONCLUDED THE DISCUSSION OF
MATTERS THAT WILL BE STUDIED DURING THIS PERIOD AND
ADJOURNED THE WP. AFTERNOON SESSION CONCLUDED WITH
KOJEMA STRESSING DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUED COLLA-
BORATION OF THE TWO STUDY GROUPS (III AND VII).

3. KOJEMA CONVENED APRIL 29 MORNING SESSION OF STUDY
GROUP III TO DISCUSS CONTRIBUTORS AND QUESTIONS TO
BE CONSIDERED THIS SESSION. MAJOR ITEM FOR DISCUSSION
DURING THIS MEETING WAS INTRODUCTION OF ITALIAN CONTRI-
BUTION NO. 6 RECOMMENDING A STUDY ON VOLUME PRICING
AND PRIVATE LEASED LINE SERVICES. ALTHOUGH THE ISSUE
IS NOT SCHEDULED TO BE DISCUSSED IN SUBSTANCE UNTIL
MONDAY, MAY 2, THIS CONTRIBUTION PROVOKED INTERVENTIONS
BY A NUMBER OF DELS. MAKING COMMENTS GENERALLY IN
SUPPORT OF THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION WERE STEPHENS (UK),
GRAU (SPAIN), DENIAUD (FRANCE), YOST (SWITZERLAND),
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NISHIZAWA (JAPAN), AND WITH SOME QUALIFICATION, SCHWALL
(FRG). HUMPHREYS, INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION
(IATA) INTERVENED TO QUESTION THE VALUE OF SUCH A STUDY
AS THAT PROPOSED IN THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION AS DID
RAY, INTERNATIONAL PRESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL
(IPTC). U.S. DEL IN BRIEF INTERVENTION CHALLENGED
THE ASSUMPTIONS UNDERLYING THE PROPOSED STUDY EXPRESSING
CONCERN THAT SOME ADMINISTRATIONS MIGHT INTERPRET THE
CONTRIBUTION AS CALLING FOR THE ABOLITION OF LEASED
CHANNEL SERVICES ENTIRELY. USDEL THEN SAID THAT OUR
POSITION WOULD BE ARTICULATED AT THE PROPER TIME ON
MAY 2. KOJEMA, APPREHENSIVE THAT THE DELS WOULD DISCUSS
THE ISSUE MORE IN SUBSTANCE AT THIS MORNING SESSION,
CUT SHORT FURTHER DEBATE ON THE MATTER, BY TURNING
THE MEETING BACK TO THE GENERAL REVIEW OF OTHER
QUESTIONS TO BE STUDIED BY SG III. THIS WAS COMPLETED
WITHOUT CONTROVERSY AND THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED.

4. ON USDEL VIEW, USER CONCERN THAT PURPOSE OF ITALIAN

CONTRIBUTION WAS TO KILL PRIVATE LEASED LINES SEEMS
CORROBORATED BY TENOR OF STATEMENTS OF THOSE SUPPORTING
THE PROPOSAL AT THIS SESSION. ALSO IN VIEW UNDEL, OUR
INTERVENTION AT THIS TIME SEEMED TO HAVE SOME INFLUENCE,
ESPECIALLY SINCE FRG AND SWISS DELS' INTERVENTION
SUPPORTING THE ITALIAN CONTRIBUTION WERE MORE MILD THAN
WOULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED.SORENSEN

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